

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Before the first paragraph starting at page 1, line 2,  
please add the following:

- - BACKGROUND TO THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

A blood sampling device includes a needle-carrying lancet,  
a housing and a cap.

DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART - -

Before the paragraph starting at page 1, line 12, please  
insert the following heading:

- - SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION - -

Before the paragraph starting at page 2, line 6, please  
insert the following paragraph:

- - In the invention, the trigger releasable latch and said lancet  
have respective opposed latch surfaces cooperable to retain the  
lancet in the housing until release of the latch, and the cap is  
adapted to hold the lancet in a position in which the lancet latch  
surface is spaced rearwardly of the latch surface of the trigger-  
releasable latch until said cap is detached from the housing and  
from the lancet. - -

Before the paragraph starting at page 2, line 11, please  
insert the following heading:

- - BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING FIGURES - -

Before the paragraph starting at page 2, line 20, please  
insert the following heading:

- - DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION - -